GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2187
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TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES BY ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS IN BRITAIN
SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Times of Indiadated January 17, 2000 under caption `front companies in U.K funding militants`;

(b) if so, whether Islamic fundamentalists in Britain had established a network of front companies and bogus societies to work undetected for militants and fundamentalist Muslims operating in Kashmir and other places abroad;

(c) if so, whether the Government have had any confirmation of the report; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government to prevent such organised terrorism engineered from U.K and other Islamic countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

a) Yes, Sir.
b) British media reports suggest that Islamic fundamentalist groups in the U.K have set up front commercial companies and charities for raising funds for the purposes of supporting Islamic extremist activities in different countries. c) We do not have any independent confirmation of these media reports.
d) These and similar activities are the subject of ongoing discussions with the British Government who have assured us of their full cooperation in combating the scourge of terrorism.